

**Minutes of Planning Committee**

**Meeting date Thursday, 5 October 2023**

**Members present:** Councillors Caleb Tomlinson (Chair), Elaine Stringfellow (Vice-Chair), Will Adams, Matthew Farnworth, Mary Green, Peter Mullineaux, David Shaw, Phil Smith, Kath Unsworth and Haydn Williams

**Officers:** Elizabeth Hindle (Head of Planning and Enforcement), Dave Whelan (Head of Legal and Procurement), Catherine Thomas (Planning Manager) and Ben Storey (Democratic and Member Services Officer)

**Other members:** Councillors Keith Martin and Karen Walton

**Public:** 1

**154 Welcome and Introduction**

The Chair, Councillor Caleb Tomlinson, welcomed members of the public to the meeting, introduced the committee and explained that the meeting was being livestreamed to YouTube.

**155 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received for Councillor Will Adams who, due to work commitments, would not arrive in time for the start of the meeting.

**156 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were noted.

**157 Minutes of meeting Thursday, 14 September 2023 of Planning Committee**

**Resolved:** (For 8 Abstain 1)

That the minutes of the last meeting, held on 14 September 2023, be signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

**158 Appeal Decisions**

The Planning Manager provided the regular update on any recent appeal decisions.

There was one appeal decision, relating to an enforcement notice served by the council at Penwortham Residential Park, Park Road on Stricklands Lane, Penwortham. Considering all the matters that were raised the Inspector dismissed the appeal and upheld the enforcement notices.

**159 07/2023/00565/FUL - AB Inbev UK Ltd, Cuerdale Lane, Samlesbury**

*Councillor Will Adams arrived at 6.05pm at the beginning of the officer's presentation.*

Registered speakers: the applicant's agent

Address: AB Inbev UK Limited  
Cuerdale Lane  
Samlesbury

Applicant: Budweiser Brewing Company Limited

Agent: Mr Dominic Page  
Gerald Eve LLP  
No.1 Marsden Street  
Manchester M2 1HW

Development: Erection of wastewater treatment plant comprising technical building, methane reactor, storage and processing tanks, flare stack, associated plant and enabling works.

Apologies were noted for the ward member who called in the application to committee, but due to work commitments was unable to attend the meeting.

The officer's recommendation to approve the application, subject to conditions was proposed by Councillor Haydn Williams and seconded by Councillor David Shaw.

It was subsequently;

**Resolved: (Unanimously)**

That the application be approved, subject to conditions outlined within the officer's report.

**160 07/2023/00708/FUL - Withy Grove Park, Bamber Bridge**

Registered speakers: None

Address: Withy Grove Park  
Brindle Road  
Bamber Bridge

Applicant: Mr Nathan McCracken (South Ribble Borough Council)

Development: Installation of 8.9m 'Kompan Giant XL' tower slide unit

The officer's recommendation to approve the application, subject to conditions, was proposed by Councillor Will Adams and seconded by Councillor Kath Unsworth.

It was subsequently;

**Resolved: (Unanimously)**

That the application be approved, subject to conditions outlined within the officer's report.

**161 07/2023/00489/FUL - 16 Watkin Lane, Lostock Hall**

Registered speakers: Councillor Karen Walton

Address: 16 Watkin Lane  
Lostock Hall  
Preston  
PR5 5RD

Applicant: Mr Asif Abbas

Development: Change of use to hot food takeaway (Use Class: Sui Generis) and installation of external extractor flue

The officer's recommendation was to refuse the application on the grounds outlined within the report.

The officer's recommendation to refuse the application was proposed by Councillor Will Adams and seconded by Councillor Phil Smith.

It was subsequently;

**Resolved: (Unanimously)**

That the application be refused, as per the officer's recommendation, on the grounds that:

1. The proposed extraction equipment would impact negatively on the character and appearance of the area and would not accord with Core Strategy Policy 17 or Policy G17 of the South Ribble Local Plan.
2. By reason of the increased noise and activity associated with a hot food takeaway, particularly during evening hours, and the additional demand for on-street car parking, the proposed change of use would be detrimental to the amenity of neighbouring residential properties. The proposal is therefore considered to be contrary to Core Strategy Policy 17 and Policy G17 of the South Ribble Local Plan.

Chair

Date